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TAGS: OREP (PRICE, MELVIN)
SUBJ: CODEL PRICE

REF: STATE 300800 (DTG 222302Z DEC 75)

1. POST WELCOMES VISIT OF CODEL PRICE. AMBASSADOR PARTICULARLY LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING PERSONAL FRIENDS IN DELEGATION.

2. WE APPRECIATE THAT CODEL WILL ARRIVE IN NEW ZEALAND AFTER RIGOROUS SCHEDULE. FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS DEVELOPED TO ALLOW DELEGATION TO SEE SOMETHING OF NEW ZEALAND'S MAGNIFICANT COUNTRYSIDE AND RELAX WHILE GAINING MAXIMUM EXPOSURE TO NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND SEEING OPERATION DEEPFREEZE, THE ONLY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OPERATION IN NEW ZEALAND.

3. POST RECOMMENDS FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14 -
1300 ARRIVE OHAKEA
1315 CONGRESSMEN AND STAFF DEPART OHAKEA BY ROYAL
NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE FOR WELLINGTON. WIVES
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AND ESCORTS DEPART OHAKEA BY BUS FOR SCENIC

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DRIVE TO WELLINGTON.
1400 CONGRESSMEN AND STAFF ARRIVE WELLINGTON, PROCEED
TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE TO JOIN CODEL HOLLINGS/
GRIFFIN FOR MEETINGS WITH NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS.
1500 MEETING WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN
MINISTER TALBOYS.
1600 MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER MULDOON. FOLLOWING
MEETINGS, CONGRESSMEN AND STAFF WILL DEPART
PARLIAMENT FOR HOTEL, WHERE THEY WILL MEET WIVES
AND ESCORTS.
1900 DEPART HOTEL FOR DINNER AT RESIDENCE OF
AMBASSADOR AND MRS. SELDEN.
OVERNIGHT WELLINGTON.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15 -
0930 DEPART HOTEL FOR WELLINGTON AIRPORT
1000 DEPART WELLINGTON FOR MOUNT COOK BY RNZAF
PLANE ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR AND
MRS. SELDEN AND NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS.
1130 ARRIVE MOUNT COOK. GUESTS OF NEW ZEALAND
GOVERNMENT FOR WORKING LUNCHEON AT HERMITAGE
HOTEL. THE SETTING IS MAGNIFICANT AND
WOULD GIVE CONGRESSMEN AND WIVES A CHANCE TO
SEE SOMETHING OF NEW ZEALAND.
1400 DEPART MOUNT COOK FOR CHRISTCHURCH VIA RNZAF
PLANE.
1500 ARRIVE CHRISTCHURCH. BRIEFING AT OPERATION
DEEPFREEZE.
1930 DINNER WITH NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS,
LOCAL OFFICIALS, AND KEY U.S.G. PERSONNEL AT
OPERATION DEEPFREEZE OFFICERS CLUB.
OVERNIGHT CHRISTCHURCH.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16 -
0930 DEPART CHRISTCHURCH SAM AIRCRAFT

4. CHRISTCHURCH DEPARTURE WILL SAVE CODEL TWO HOUR BUS RIDE FROM
WELLINGTON TO OHAKEA AND ALTHOUGH THE SCHEDULE IS FULL ONE,
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WE BELIEVE IT WILL ALLOW CODEL OPPORTUNITY TO RELAX AND SEE
NEW ZEALAND WHILE GETTING MAXIMUM EXPOSURE TO NEW ZEALAND
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND U.S.G. OPERATION HERE, WITH EMPHASIS
ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND DEFENSE ISSUES.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS MADE AS PER REFTEL.

6. VISAS REQUIRED.

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7. NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT MOST ANXIOUS TO FIRM UP ARRANGEMENTS
FOR VISIT, AND HAS DESIGNATED PERSONNEL TO BE ON STANDBY
DURING HOLIDAY PERIOD. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF DEPARTMENT
COULD PASS ON ANY INFORMATION ON VISIT NIACT IMMEDIATE.
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